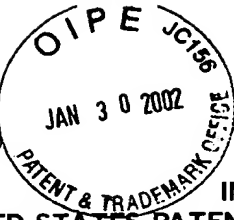


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Inventor(s): John G. McBride

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Filing Date: March 22, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2123

Title: Method And Apparatus For Evaluating The Quality Of Network Nodes

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TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed December 5, 2001 (Paper No. 5), has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Present Status of Application

The Office Action rejected all claims 1-20. Specifically, claims 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being